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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reinvestigation of Employees

1. You have requested our comment and recommendation on the attached memorandum from the Director of Security, subject as above.
2. We concur in the proposal to reinvestigate staff employees on a five-year cycle. There is probably no satisfactory alternative to reinvestigation in light of the necessity for this Agency to have the tightest security practices in Government.
3. In the "Proposed Revision of [REDACTED] at TAB A, I would like to recommend that the first sentence of paragraph 6 headed "Reinvestigations" be terminated with the word "files". The remainder of that sentence as now written would seem to convey an impression that if an employee is reinvestigated, it is for cause. Since this is not necessarily the case, it would seem preferable not to raise the issue at all in the text of the Regulation.
4. If this five-year program of reinvestigation is approved, I believe that careful thought should be given before its announcement to the "public relations" aspects of the matter inside the Agency. An effort should be made to explain the need for reinvestigation, so that employee morale is not adversely affected. Also, Colonel Grogan's office should be ready with a prepared statement for the press if the fact of the investigative program should leak, which it probably will.

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